

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10 and 12 are amended and claim 7 is canceled. These changes are supported in paragraph [0030], for example. Claims 1 and 10 are also amended to incorporate the subject matter from canceled claim 7. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Shindo (JP 09-035129); claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shindo; and claims 7 and 9-13 over Shindo in view of Kimata (U.S. 5,043,561). These rejections are moot with respect to canceled claim 7 and traversed with respect to the remaining claims.

Applicants respectfully submits that Shindo does not disclose or suggest an error recovery module that determines a status of the automated process and the commands or responses contained therein, where the status indicates which commands succeeded and which failed, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 10 and 12.

For example, Shindo is directed to an automatic transaction machine that issues a printout to a customer in case of a malfunction. See Abstract and paragraph beginning "[Operation]" on p. 2. However, Shindo only discloses printing out a customer sequence number and/or a malfunction or event code. See claims 1-3 as well as the paragraph beginning "[Means of Solving the Problem]" on p. 2. Accordingly, Shindo does not disclose or suggest an error recovery module that determines a status of the automated process and the commands or responses contained therein, where the status indicates which commands succeeded and which failed, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 10 and 12. Thus, Shindo does not disclose the subject matter recited in claims 1, 10 and 12.

Kimata is directed to a fare collection system using a boarding ticket and additional money card which automatically adjusts the monetary value stored as magnetic information on the card. See Abstract and col. 11, lines 48-51. Kimata discloses, in col. 18, lines 53-55,

that a clerk may adjust the fare in accordance with the amount to be adjusted displayed on the monitoring apparatus 100. However, Kimata only discloses the monitoring apparatus 100 as displaying an amount to be adjusted upon fare adjustment of each automatic examination apparatus main body 1. See, for example, col. 8, lines 51-56. Accordingly, Kimata does not disclose or suggest an error recovery module that determines a status of the automated process and the commands or responses contained therein, where the status indicates which commands succeeded and which failed, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 10 and 12. Thus, Kimata does not supply the subject matter missing from Shindo.

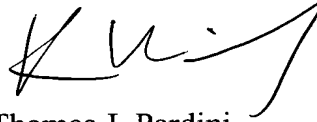
The Office Action rejects claims 2 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shindo in view of Enta (U.S. 5,983,197) and claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shindo in view of Pugliese (U.S. 2001/0016825). However, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Enta nor Pugliese disclose or suggest an error recovery module that determines a status of the automated process and the commands or responses contained therein, where the status indicates which commands succeeded and which failed, as recited in claim 1 and similarly recited in claims 10 and 12. Thus, Enta and Pugliese do not supply the subject matter missing from Shindo and Kimata.

In view of the above, Shindo, Kimata, Endo and Puliese individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1, 10 and 12. Claims 2-6, 8 and 9 ultimately depend from claim 1 and claims 11 and 13 depend from claim 10. Thus, Shindo, Kimata, Endo and Puliese individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-6 and 8-13. Withdrawal of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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